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1. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON APRIL 18, SWEDISH POLICE CHIEF CARL PERSSON DESCRIBED SOME OF THE EVIDENCE AGAINST THOSE INVOLVED IN THE TERRORIST PLOT TO KIDNAP AND HOLD FOR RANSOM FORMER MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION ANNA-GRETA LEIJON. DETAILS OF A SEVEN-DAY ACTION PLAN TO BE CARRIED OUT AFTER LEIJON'S ABDUCTION HIGHLIGHTED THE INTERVIEW. RANSOM FOR LEIJON WAS TO HAVE INCLUDED: THE RELEASE FROM PRISON AND TRANSPORT TO STOCKHOLM OF EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE BAADER-MEINHOF GROUP IN WEST GERMANY; ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN CASH; AND A HERCULES CARGO PLANE WITH TWO FULL CREWS. SWEDISH
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RADIO AND TELEVISION WERE TO HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO BROADCAST NUMBERS OF DECLARATIONS FROM TERRORIST LEADER NORBERT KROCHER, GERMAN SONGS, FILMS, ETC. ACCORDING TO PERSSON, THE TERRORISTS WERE TO HAVE FLOWN TO A SECRET DESTINATION BETWEEN 7,000-12,500 KILOMETERS FROM SWEDEN, POSSIBLY THE SPANISH SAHARA.

2. PERSSON INDICATED THAT THE EVIDENCE AGAINST
NST THE FOUR
FOREIGN NATIONALS DEPORTED OVER THE WEEKEND (REFTTEL)
INCLUDED THEIR FINGERPRINTS ON KROCHER'S TERRORIST
PARAPHERNALIA AND POSSESSION OF KEYS TO KROCHER'S
SUBURBAN HEADQUARTERS AND THE APARTMENT IN WHICH LEIJON
WAS TO HAVE BEEN HELD. PERSSON SAID ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE
WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE DURING THE TRIALS OF THE NINE
SWEDES INVOLVED.

3. ALSO ON APRIL 18, THE GOVERNMENT REQUESTED FORMAL
INDICTMENTS AGAINST THE EIGHT SWEDES HELD SINCE APRIL 1
AS IMPLICATED IN KROCHER'S PLOT. A NINTH SWEDE HAS ALREADY
BEEN FORMALLY INDICTED. THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO
DECIDE SOON THE FATE OF TWO REMAINING FOREIGN NATIONALS
SUSPECTED OF AIDING KROCHER: AN 18-YEAR OLD GREEK GIRL,
ANNA MARAFOUDI, WHO HAD BEEN GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN
SWEDEN LAST YEAR; AND A 22-YEAR OLD MALE STUDENT FROM
COLOMBIA WHO ENTERED SWEDEN 5 MONTHS AGO.

3. IN REPLY TO CHARGES FROM THE DEPORTED BRITISH NATIONAL,
ALAN HUNTER, PERSSON DENIED THAT HUNTER'S CONTACTS WITH
LATIN AMERICAN GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH
HIS EXPULSION FROM SWEDEN. PERSSON DEFINED A TERRORIST
IN SWEDEN AS ONE WHO IS PREPARED TO USE VIOLENT METHODS IN
SWEDEN TO ACHIEVE A GOAL. IF SUCH METHODS ARE PRACTICED
OUTSIDE SWEDEN, THE PERPETRATORS ARE NOT "TERRORISTS"
UNDER SWEDISH LAW. A MOVEMENT PLOTTING ABROAD FOR THE
VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF ITS HOME GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT COUNT
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AS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION IN SWEDEN, ACCORDING TO PERSSON.

4. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN OLOF PALME MADE HIS
FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE TERRORIST AFFAIR. IN DOING SO,
PALME SEVERELY CRITICIZED THE MASS MEDIA FOR "TERRORIST
COMMERCIALISM" IN EXPLOITING THE STORIES TO INCREASE
CIRCULATION. PALME DESCRIBED TERRORISTS SUCH AS THE
BAADER-MEINHOF GROUP AS "SICK AND ODIUS PERSONS" WHOSE
ACTIVITY STIMULATES REPRESSION AND BENEFITS REACTIONARY
FORCES IN A SOCIETY.
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